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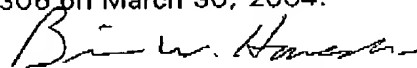
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2003 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on January 30, 2004. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for two-month Extension with the required fee, to extend the period of reply to March 30, 2004. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance. Applicant's remarks are attached hereto and start on page 3.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the indicated paragraphs with the attached amended paragraphs.